

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1081)

In the Application of:

Lentsch Graf, et al.

Serial No.: U.S. Nat'l Phase of PCT/FR00/00730

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**For: Use of Trehalose for Stabilizing a
Liquid Vaccine**

Examiner: TBA

Group Art Unit: TBA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A liquid vaccine composition comprising at least one antigen consisting of a polysaccharide bound to a carrier protein, wherein it additionally comprises trehalose.
 2. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said polysaccharide is the capsular polysaccharide of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b or Polyribosylribitol Phosphate.